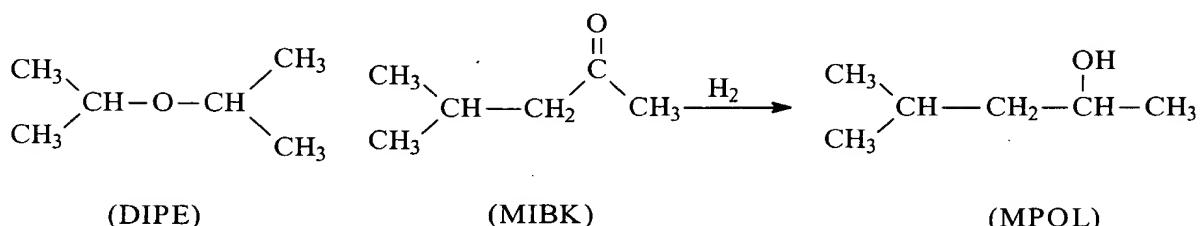
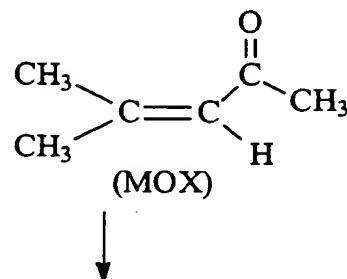
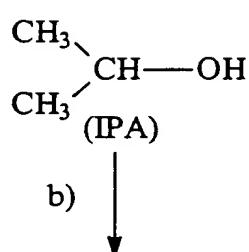


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~~Please cancel Claim 4.~~

Please amend Claims 1 and 5 as follows:

--1. (Amended) A process for the hydrogenation of acetone, which comprises:
conducting the liquid-phase hydrogenation of acetone having a water content of less than
or equal to 1.0% by weight in at least two hydrogenation process stages, thereby preparing
isopropanol product.

5. (Amended) The process as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the acetone to be hydrogenated has a water content of less than or equal to 0.5% by weight.--